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Dear Mr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed your submitted document "*Total Maximum Daily Load for Temperature on the Rio Chamita*" and is pleased to approve the Rio Chamita TMDL for temperature as an update to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

EPA received the final TMDL on November 29, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated November 10, 1999. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing this TMDL.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDL meets requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss this approval, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Hathaway".

William B. Hathaway
Director
Water Quality Protection Division

Enclosure